



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**



DATE: Tuesday, September 9, 2008
TIME: 5:05 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501____

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Hannah Bowman, Lamont Carter (Late), Jordan Flores, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry,
Bhaani Singh, Angela Sterling-Vick

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Nomination and Selection of Chair (Action Item)

M/S/C Carter / Pinsky / (Unanimously approved)

“That Bhaani Singh be elected Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission”

B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair (Action Item)

M/S/C Sterling-Vick / Pinsky / (Unanimously approved)

“That Jordan Flores be elected Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission”

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 10, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Pinsky / Singh / (Unanimously approved)

“That the Minutes of June 10, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

5. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. New Business

A. Introductions of Youth Advisory Commission and Staff (Discussion)

Youth Commission introductions will continue as the new Youth Commissioners are appointed.

B. Review Youth Commission By-Laws, Expectations and Standards (Discussion)

TC Wong reminded the Youth Commission that a copy of the By-Laws were mailed to them, and copies are always available for review at the Alameda Recreation and Park Department.

C. Establish contact list (Discussion)

Contact list was reviewed and updated by the Youth Advisory Commissioners.

D. Presentation by SunCal Companies regarding Alameda Sports Complex Master Plan

Nick Kosla, SunCal representative, a master development company provided an overview of the Alameda Point Sports Complex. SunCall is looking at 50 acres of Alameda Point land, which is the current Skate Park, Alameda Point Gym, and the surrounding area to redevelop into a future Sports Complex that will include sports fields (Soccer, Football, and Baseball), multi-use facilities, aquatic facilities, picnic areas, outdoor courts for basketball and volleyball, playgrounds, trails, track, etc.

Mr. Kosla introduced Steve Lang (MIG Consultant) who provided a power-point overview of the Sports Complex plan from 1997. Mr. Lang stated the Sports Complex is an opportunity for the City of Alameda to hold future events, tournaments, improve quality of play/living, etc. The features included in the Complex build character and can bring out the uniqueness of Alameda.

Commissioner Carter asked for the anticipated length of time for project completion, Mr. Lang stated that several factors are at play: 1) funding from public and private sector, 2) public and private interest, 3) creating, updating, and maintaining a master-plan to name a few.

Commissioner Carter asked if ARPD will run the complex. Mr. Lang stated at this time, there is no determination. It might be a joint operation of both public and private partnerships. Commissioners Carter and Flores would like to see additional outdoor basketball courts and football fields.

Commissioner Bowman asked if the surrounding area will be impacted for this project. The Youth Commission also asked questions about low income housing, transportation, and environmental cleanup. Mr. Kosla stated that a community meeting is scheduled for September 10th for further discussion and to have the public provide input. Suncal has looked at surrounding facilities (public and private) and are receiving comments from local leagues and aquatic clubs. There is a great demand for fields in Alameda.

Commissioner Pinsky would like to see a track and field with synthetic turf. The current Roller Hockey area on the plan should be removed and replaced with a track. Commissioner Carter suggested an outdoor paintball field. Commissioner Sastry suggested more playgrounds / play areas. Commission Carter asked if the Complex will be Senior Friendly. Mr. Lang pointed out that

the trails can be used as passive area, and the rest of the center can be all user and spectator friendly. The Gymnasium can have indoor court volleyball, basketball, etc. Aquatic Center includes a competition pool, a training pool, and recreation/warm up pool. Commissioner Flores inquired about food concessions and exercise stations in the trail. Mr. Lang stated that it can be included in the design plan. The operation of the concession will be determined by the City.

Mr. Kosla stated that the information discussed at this meeting will be reviewed. SunCal representatives thanked the Youth Commission for their time, efforts, and thoughts on the Complex.

7. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS

A. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)

Commissioner Pinsky will compile and tabulate the survey results. Deadline to turn in the survey is Friday, September 26th. Commissioner Pinsky will forward the results to TC Wong by September 30th for Youth Advisory Commission agenda scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 2008. The Youth Commission will decide on their next step after reviewing the results.

B. Youth Advisory Commission Website - (Discussion)

Commissioner Pinsky suggested that having a Youth Commission Section instead of a full website. The section could be shared and/or linked to the City's Website or Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth, and Families (ACCYF). The current website address is: www.alamedayouth.org

RS Russi stated the Alameda Youth Collaborative meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17th. Part of the meeting will be a discussion on their website to include youth and teen information. More details will be provided by TC Wong at the next Youth Commission meeting.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

Helen a student from Bay Area School of Enterprise (BASE) invited the Youth Advisory Commission to a Candidates Forum on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008, at Alternatives in Action, 1900 Third Street in Alameda. The event will be from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Candidates Forum is for the local School Board and City Council candidates to discuss local issues. Franklin Hysten, Director of After-School Program at Home Project, stated that candidates will respond and listen to the public about local issues in Alameda.

TC Wong invited the Youth Commission to the presentation of "Women at Ground Zero", the Stories Behind the 9/11 Story. The event is sponsored by Alameda Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association as a college scholarship fundraiser. Any interested Commissioners will need to RSVP by Thursday, Sept. 11th.

TC Wong invited the Youth Commission to attend the 5th Annual Teen Haunted House from Oct. 24th to Oct. 26th. This event is organized by the Alameda Youth Committee and brings together middle and high school clubs and students from Alameda. Last year teen participation was more than 250 volunteers and generated over 2,500 community service hours.

9. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, October 14, 2008; 5:00 PM

10. Adjournment

6:40 PM